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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in Santa Rosa, and I chose Sonic as my isp and phone provider many years ago. As the son of a small business owner, I prefer using local businesses. I found the pricing and service from Sonic superior to AT&T which my parents have. I work for a larger company, and I see first hand that large companies are hamstrung at innovation by their size and large bureaucracy.

I view copper infrastructure as a critical part to connect all Americans to people through voice and internet. Please continue to allow people the choice of independent service providers by allowing small companies access to this infrastructure.

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